

ARMED FORCES STAFF COLLEGE
Norfolk II, Virginia

26 October 1951



General Walter B. Smith, USA
Director of Central Intelligence
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear General Smith,

This is a wholly unofficial and informal note in connection with your letter of 9 October to Lieutenant General Bruce, concerning your invitation to speak here on 13 December.

I simply want to add my sincere hopes that you personally will be able to come.

Our intelligence course here naturally aims at imparting specific instruction in the art. But there is another most important mission: that of impressing the students with the profound importance of good intelligence and its timely use, and of the growing excellence of our intelligence organizations. There can be no better way to do this than to let them hear people in whom they have great confidence explain intelligence. I can tell you, without any attempt at flattery and from a purely materialistic viewpoint on my part, that your appearance here before the last class was an outstanding contribution to an enhancement of the reputation of intelligence in general and CIA in particular. This "missionary" work amongst 200 colonels, lieutenant colonels, and commanders scattered throughout the Services each six months can only be of expanding benefit to an intelligent appreciation of intelligence.

In closing, let me tell you that we deeply value the excellent support we receive from the National and the Departmental intelligence agencies. Generally, we do not have occasion to call on CIA directly. As for the Departmental agencies, we find that General Bolling, General Cabell, and Admiral Johnson take a personal interest in our problems. They effectively assist us by furnishing material and working level officers to take part in question periods following our presentations.

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I am taking the liberty of enclosing an excerpt from the resume of the student questionnaire of the last class here, to indicate that Washington support of our intelligence effort has not been vainly spent.

Sincerely and respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'K. Tolley', with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

KEMP TOLLEY
Captain, U. S. Navy
Director, Intelligence Division

Enclosure

PRESENTATIONS BY DIVISIONS

10. Realizing that some subjects lack the inherent interest of others, what constructive criticisms and recommendations have you with respect to the instruction presented by the Divisions of the College: Consider scope, balance, sequence, realism, appropriateness, use of examples or illustrations. Your suggestions for improvement are solicited. Be specific.

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	Division	68	93	19	0
Intelligence	Division	165	10	3	1
	Division	45	91	35	8
	Division	62	76	28	12
	Division	44	78	52	5
	Division	32	83	50	12